

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 14, 2009**

**DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER**

**DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL**

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

**SUBJECT:**

ADMINISTRATIVE:

\*\* REPORT ON SB-264 - Interim study concerning the powers delegated to Local Governments  
- report provided by the cities of Henderson, North Las Vegas and Reno

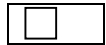
**Fiscal Impact**



No Impact



Augmentation Required



Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**

**Funding Source:**

**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Receive reports from the cities of Henderson, North Las Vegas and Reno regarding the interim study.

No action will be taken during this summit, no recommendation will come forward, no findings will be made and no direction will be given as a group. Pursuant to NRS 244.085(7) and due to the fact that several county commissions will be participating in a public meeting more than 10 miles from their county seats, no official action (voting) will be taken. [\*\*Denotes that these items may involve an action by the Las Vegas City Council].

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Senate Bill No. 264
2. General Information Report
3. PowerPoint Presentation
4. Reno City Council Resolution No. 7410
5. Submitted after Meeting – Excerpts of the Nevada Local Government Summit by the City of Henderson

Minutes:

BRISTOL ELLINGTON, City of Henderson and CHRIS GOOD, City of Reno, utilizing a PowerPoint Presentation, spoke on the differentiation between Dillon's Rule and Home Rule. Nevada, in addition to four other states, has no constitutional provisions, amendments or laws providing for home rule to municipalities or counties; therefore, like the other four states,

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Nevada falls under Dillon's Rule. In an effort to give local government more control, the Nevada Constitution could be changed by the Legislature making statutory changes or initiative petition.

With regard to Home Rule, the following comments were made: Counties differ from Charter Counties; it is important to work with the legislators; all jurisdictions should make resolutions as one voice across the state. A question arose regarding instituting Home Rule and how jurisdictions would be affected. For example, if there is a sales tax increase or decrease, how are the taxes collected, would there be multiple rates different for different cities. Relating to State mandates, if the State fails to provide the funding yet imposes its authority, there would be no flexibility. Providing for Home Rule to municipalities and counties would increase the powers of local government, thereby offering the best services to all communities.

COUNCILMAN STEVE ROSS asked for a show of hands to see how many favored Home Rule. The response was significant. Clark County COMMISSIONER CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI brought up the subject of rural versus urban. Because there has never been a cohesive link, she stated they need to be very careful about what is asked for. Washoe County COMMISSIONER BONNIE WEBER agreed that all entities should work closely with the Legislature and that the whole process entails baby steps. A fellow Washoe County official noted that although all Cities should be treated the same, they all differ in various ways. COUNCILMAN STEVE WOLFSON did not feel there was a general consensus. He remarked that further study would be beneficial to determine which entities were willing to buy in to the Home Rule implementation. He also queried whether by seeking Home Rule, the Legislature might take it upon themselves to obstruct local government's abilities in other ways. Clark County COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE WEEKLY was concerned about urban neighborhoods and dealing with civil penalties. He felt the many constraints that hinder the County's ability to provide services for the public.